

CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)
Combined Compliance & Oversight/External Affairs Committee
Wednesday, June 15, 2005
Stephen P. Clark Center
11 NW 1st Street
10th Floor CITT Conference Room
2 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson
Marc A. Buoniconti
Maureen O'Donnell
Hon. James A. Reeder

OTHERS PRESENT

Nan Markowitz, Executive Director
John Prats, OCITT
Jackie Bailey, MDT
Lawrence Percival, Citizen
David Tinder, PWD
Betty Alexander, DBD
Maria Pamoti, Citizen

Annet Noguera, Citizen
Nestor Toledo, OCITT
George Navarrete, MDT
Maria E. Johnson, OCITT
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Patty David, OCITT

ROLL CALL

Ms. Zilber called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Ms. Zilber announced that Mr. Givens was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, the meeting agendas would be combined. In addition, Ms. Zilber stated that due to a lack of quorum the agenda would be taken out of order.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Involvement Plan

Ms. Nan Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT, reported that a meeting took place with Mr. Givens, Pete Hernandez, Deputy County Manager, David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD, and several community groups to discuss the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The draft plan was going to be presented at the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting scheduled on June 8, 2005, but was postponed until August 18, 2005. In addition, Ms. Markowitz stated that a meeting has been scheduled with various department directors to further discuss the draft PIP plan. Ms. Markowitz stated that Mr. Givens is aware of the delay.

Mr. Reeder expressed that the County can do a better job with public involvement when it comes to construction projects that will affect homeowners and business owners.

Citizens Comments

Mr. Lawrence Percival, Vice President of the Kendall Federation Homeowners Association (KFHA) mentioned that Mr. Miles Moss received the Dorothy Sisal Award for his dedicated community service in the Kendall Area. In addition, Mr. Percival also invited the CITT Members to speak at future KFHA meetings. Mr. Percival proceeded

to state that he has discussed several concerns with Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD. One concern deals with the process by which the PWD acquires property for future projects. Mr. Percival suggested that the County should purchase the property before the design work of the project is completed because the value of the property would be less expensive. Mr. Percival suggested that the CITT work closely with the PWD on future PTP projects that will require right away acquisitions. Additionally, he asked Mr. Tinder the status of the negotiations with Florida Power & Light, regarding the purchase of land for the lane widening (two to four lanes) at SW 127th Avenue from Kendall Drive to 120th Street. Mr. Tinder responded that he did not have any updated information; however, he would contact Mr. Percival once that information became available.

Mr. Buoniconti thanked Mr. Percival for his comments and asked if he could provide a written summary of the issues he raised and what he would like the CITT to review. Mr. Percival responded that he prefers to voice his comments in person and have them reflected in the minutes.

Comment Card Update

Ms. Jackie Bailey, Manager Customer and Information Services, MDT, provided a detailed report on MDT Comment Cards (a copy of the report was distributed). She stated that the report is based on comment cards received from February 22 through June 9, 2005. The comment cards are placed in transit vehicles as well as Special Transportation Services (STS) vehicles. Mr. Buoniconti asked if there are any cards placed in the Metrorail and Metromover cars. Ms. Bailey replied that MDT is working on placing the cards on the Metrorail and Metromover stations in the future. Ms. Bailey further stated that reports are generated weekly and monthly and provided to the operational supervisors who monitor the bus routes and performance of bus operators. Ms. Bailey also explained that there can be many operational issues that can affect a route. Sometimes, if there are on-going problems with a route's performance, it will be turned over to the claims office to review the scheduling issues associated with the route. Other times, employees are sent to the field to investigate the problem. There are many factors that can affect on-time performances and it is a legitimate concern. Everyone wants the service to perform well. Lastly, Ms. Bailey commented that the public can communicate concerns to MDT via internet, mailing the comment cards, and contacting the office or leaving a message after business hours.

Transportation Municipal Workshop

Mr. Nestor Toledo, Municipal Liaison, OCITT, announced that the CITT Transportation Workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2005, at the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Auditorium from 9 a.m. – noon. All 31 municipalities were invited to attend as well as some other interested parties. At this point, 15 municipalities will be participating in the panel discussion. Mr. Toledo noted a few topics of discussion will be the municipal circulators, bus benches, bonding and financing issues.

Travel Procedures

Ms. Zilber stated that a copy of the draft CITT and OCITT Travel Procedures was distributed for review and comments. Ms. Zilber stated that after discussion at the last May 25, 2005, CITT meeting, she met with Ms. Markowitz and worked on the proposed Travel Procedures. Ms. Markowitz explained the travel process in detail and after some

discussion and recommendations the Committee Members agreed to include the Travel Procedures in the CITT By-Laws, which will need to be amended and presented to the CITT for review and final approval.

Quarterly Newsletter

Ms. Markowitz reported that she met with the Communications Department, and it has assigned a staff person to work with OCITT on highlighting the usage of PTP funds within municipalities and other marketing aspects. Ms. Markowitz added that she felt that approach would be better than hiring a consultant. Ms. Markowitz further stated that these updates will be done electronically. In addition, she is working on a promotional spotthrough Miami-Dade County television which will begin in September.

Citizens' Comments

None

New Business

Mr. Buoniconti stated that he would also like to amend the CITT By-Laws to reflect that the Budget & Finance and Project Review Committees have been combined to Project and Financial Review Committee and the Compliance & Oversight and External Affairs Committee have been combined to Community Outreach Committees. The streamlining of committees has been done to save time and money for both the Members and staff. Mr. Buoniconti noted that the Community Outreach Committee will be held on a bi-monthly basis. He asked Ms. Markowitz to amend the By-Laws, so that they can be provided to the Members for review and approval at the June 29, 2005, CITT meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.